

What is claimed is:

1. A surgical device particularly suitable for ophthalmic surgical procedures comprising:

an elongate body portion;
the elongate body portion having a proximal end and a distal end;
a soft tip at the distal end of the body portion; and
the soft tip being modified so as to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip in the surgical area.

2. The surgical device of claim 1, wherein the soft tip is formed of a soft material at least partially colored to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip.

3. The surgical device of claim 2, wherein the soft tip material has one or more markings to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip.

4. The surgical device of claim 3, wherein the marking is a fiducial ring.

5. The surgical device of claim 2, wherein the soft tip material is at least partially colored with a fluorescent material.

6. The surgical device of claim 1, wherein the soft tip is connected to a light source that illuminates the soft tip.

7. The surgical device of claim 6, wherein the light source further illuminates the surgical site.

8. The surgical device of claim 6, wherein the light source is a fiber optic that illuminates the soft material.

9. The surgical device of claim 6, wherein the light source is a laser transmitting fiber.
10. The surgical device of claim 9, wherein the laser transmitting fiber transmits colored beams.
11. The surgical device of claim 1, wherein the body portion of the device is hollow and the device is an aspirating device.
12. The surgical device of claim 11, wherein the soft tip is formed of a porous material that allows material to be passed through.
13. The surgical device of claim 11, wherein the soft tip has one or more apertures through which material may pass.
14. The surgical device of claim 11, wherein the soft tip is hollow.
15. The surgical device of claim 1, wherein the device is a non-aspirating device for retinal manipulation or scraping of scar tissue or ocular tissues.
16. The surgical device of claim 1, further comprising a hub at the proximal end of the body portion.
17. A medical device kit, comprising one or more of the surgical devices of any one of claims 1 through 16.
18. The kit of claim 17, wherein the one or more delivery devices are packaged in sterile condition.
19. A method for performing an ophthalmic surgical procedure utilizing the device of any one of claims 1 through 16.

20. A method for performing an ophthalmic surgical procedure comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a surgical device comprising:

an elongate body portion;

the elongate body portion having a proximal end and a distal end;

a soft tip at the distal end of the body portion;

the soft tip being modified so as to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip in the surgical area;

(b) making an incision in the eye of a patient to access the treatment area;

(c) inserting the surgical device into the treatment area through the incision;

(d) performing the ophthalmic surgical procedure; and

(e) removing the delivery device from the treatment area

wherein the ability to visualize the soft tip during the ophthalmic surgical procedure is enhanced.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of shining a light onto the soft tip while performing the ophthalmic surgical procedure.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein a fiber optic probe is used to shine the light onto the soft tip.

23. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of causing the soft tip to glow or fluoresce.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein a light is shone on the soft tip to cause the soft tip to glow or fluoresce.

25. The method of claim 20, wherein the surgical device further comprises a light source in connection with the soft tip and wherein the method further comprises illuminating the soft tip with the light source.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of illuminating the surgical site with the light source.

27. The method of claim 20, wherein the soft tip is formed of a soft material at least partially colored to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip.

28. The method of claim 26, wherein the soft tip material has one or more markings to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more markings is a fiducial ring.

30. The method of claim 27, wherein the soft tip material is at least partially colored with a fluorescent material.

31. The method of claim 20, the body portion of the device is hollow and the device is an aspirating device and wherein the method of performing an ophthalmic surgical procedure comprises a vitreoretinal surgical procedure comprising the steps of:

- cutting the vitreous body away from the retina;
- removing the a vitreous body from the eye;
- pushing the retina back against the wall of the eye;
- draining any subretinal fluid present between the retina and the back wall of the eye; and
- allowing clear fluid from the blood to fill the vitreous cavity.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the surgical device is an aspirating device and the surgical device is used to introduce air or gas into the vitreous cavity to push the retina back against the wall of the eye.

33. The method of claim 31, wherein the soft tip of the surgical device is used to push the retina back against the wall of the eye.

34. The method of claim 31, wherein the surgical device is an aspirating device and the surgical device is used to drain any subretinal fluid present between the retina and the back wall of the eye.

35. The method of claim 31, wherein the soft tip is embedded with abrasive materials and wherein the method further comprises the step of scraping scar tissue and eye tissues to increase visual acuity outcomes.